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In re Application of:

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LIQUID PHASE OXIDATION OF P-XYLENE TO TEREPHTHALIC ACID IN

THE PRESENCE OF A CATALYST SYSTEM CONTAINING NICKEL,

MANGANESE, AND BROMINE ATOMS

Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop Amendment P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

In Response to the Office Action mailed on October 4, 2005, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks which follow. A Petition for a three (3) month extension of time is filed concurrent herewith, along with authorization to charge Deposit Account Number 05-0221 in the required amount for consideration of this Response.